(d) A proposal for setting up of an independent regulatory body for coal sector is under consideration of the Government. Setting up of a regulator involves enactment of legislation by the Parliament. Appointment of an independent regulator for coal sector would result in more optimal development and conservation of coal resources, more effective regulation, adoption of best mining practices, rational pricing, better distribution, evolution of a more competitive market etc. It would also help in creating a level playing field for new entrants in the coal sector.

**Allocation of coal blocks**

1642. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had allocated several coal blocks to power genera'tion companies for exploration at their respective captive mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof, showing the size of coal blocks allocated to respective companies, the basic terms and conditions and consideration for such allotment, during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether these allottees have developed the mines, as per the terms of allotment;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the action taken and/or contemplated against those allottees who failed to comply with the conditions, showing their identities; and

(f) the salient details of revision in extant policy contemplated, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of coal blocks with geological reserves allocated to various public/private sector companies for power generation during the last five years is given in the Statement (*See* below). The basic terms and conditions of allocation of coal blocks, *inter-alia*, include that the coal extracted from the blocks should be used exclusively in the specified end-use by the allocattee and that the coal block has to be developed as per the milestones prescribed.

(c) and (d) The coal blocks allocated are in different stages of development.

(e) As per the guidelines, coal production from a coal block should commence within 36 months (42 months in case the area falls in forest land) in case of open cast mines and in 48 months (54 months in case the area falls in forest land) in case of under ground mine, from the date of allocation. If the coal block is not explored, additional two years are allowed for detailed exploration and preparation of geological report. The allocatees of coal blocks, who have not started production so far, are in various stages of obtaining statutory clearances and mining lease, preparing mining plan, acquisition of land, procuring machinery and equipment etc. for both mining as well as end-use project. Further, the progress of development of coal blocks and end

use projects of the allocattee companies are monitored and reviewed from time to time by the Ministry of Coal. The last such review meeting was held on 22nd and 23rd June, 2009.

(f) The Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2008, which seeks to introduce competitive bidding system for allocation of coal block, was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 17.10.2008. Once that system is adopted, the block allocattees would have to pay a premium by way of the bid amount which would act as an additional incentive to bring the coal blocks allocated into production expeditiously.

***Statement***

*Details of Coal blocks alongwith geological reserves*

*allocated to various companies*

| Sl.No. | Name of the Company | Date of Allotment | Name of coal block allocated | End-Use | Geological Reserves (In MT) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | | 2004-05 | | |
| 1 | NALCO | 27.08.2004 | Utkal 'E' | Power | 194 |
| 2 | CSEB | 23.09.2004 | Gidhmuri | Power | 80.27 |
| 3 | CSEB | 23.09.2004 | Patoria | Power | 269.25 |
| 4 | NTPC | 11.10.2004 | Pakri-Barwadih | Power | 1600 |
| 5 | Damodar Valley Corporation | 03.03.2005 | Barjora (North) | Power | 85.49 |
| 6 | Damodar Valley Corporation | 03.03.2005 | Kagra Joydev | Power | 196.15 |
| 7 | Damodar Valley Corporation | 03.03.2005 | Kasta (East) | Power | 105 |
| | | | 2005-06 | | |
| 8 | WBPDCL | 26.04.2005 | Pachvara North | Power | 125.71 |
| 9 | MCL | 10.11.2005 | Talabira II | Power | 152.33 |
| 10 | NLC | 10.11.2005 | Talabira II | Power | |
| 11 | Hindalco Industries | 10.11.2005 | Talabira II | Power | |
| 12 | MCL | 29.11.2005 | Utkal-A | Power | |
| 13 | JSW Steels Ltd./ Jindal Thermal Power Ltd. | 29.11.2005 | Utkal-A | Power | 333.4 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | Jindal Stainless Steel Ltd. | 29.11.2005 | Utkal-A | Power | |
| 15 | Shyam DRI Ltd. | 29.11.2005 | Utkal-A | Power | |
| 16 | Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd. | 06.12.2005 | Tadicherla-I | Power | 61.28 |
| 17 | Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Ltd. | 13.01.2006 | Gondulpara | Power | 140 |
| 18 | Damodar Valley Corporation | 13.01.2006 | Gondulpara | Power | |
| 19 | NTPC | 25.01.2006 | Talaipali | Power | 965 |
| 20 | NTPC | 25.01.2006 | Kerandari | Power | 229 |
| 21 | NTPC | 25.01.2006 | Chatti Bariatu | Power | 243 |
| 22 | NTPC | 25.01.2006 | Dulanga | Power | 260 |
| 23 | NTPC+CIL JV | 25.01.2006 | Brahmini | Power | 1900 |
| 24 | NTPC +CIL JV | 25.01.2006 | Chichro Patsimal | Power | 356 |
| 25 | GSECL | 06.02.2006 Machhakata | Mahanadi | Power | 480 |
| 26 | MSEB | 06.02.2006 | Mahanadi Machhakata | Power | 720 |
| | | | 2006-07 | | |
| 27 | Essar Power Ltd. | 12.04.2006 | Mahan | Power | 144.2 |
| 28 | Hindalco Industries | 12.04.2006 | Mahan | Power | |
| 29 | Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board | 02.08.2006 | Parsa | Power | 150 |
| 30 | Maharastra State Mining Corpn. | 02.08.2006 | Gare Pelma Sector II | Power | 768 |
| 31 | Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board | 02.08.2006 | Gare Pelma Sector II | Power | |
| 32 | Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited | 02.08.2006 | Rajbar E&D | Power | 385 |
| 33 | Jharkhand State Electricity Board | 02.08.2006 | Banhardih | Power | 400 |
| 34 | NCT of Delhi | 02.08.2006 | Mara II Mahan | Power | 477.50 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 35 | Haryana Power Generation Corp Ltd. | 02.08.2006 | Mara II Mahan | Power | 477.50 |
| 36 | Power Finance Corporation Orissa UMPP | 13.09.2006 | Meenakshi | Power | 285.24 |
| 37 | Power Finance Corporation Orissa UMPP | 13.09.2006 | Meenakshi B | Power | 250 |
| 38 | Power Finance Corporation Orissa UMPP | 13.09.2006 | Dip side of Meenakshi | Power | 350 |
| 39 | Power Finance Corporation Sasan UMPP | 13.09.2006 | Moher | Power | 402 |
| 40 | Power Finance Corporation Sasan UMPP | 13.09.2006 | Moher-Amlori Extn. | Power | 198 |
| 41 | Power Finance Corporation Sasan UMPP | 26.10.2006 | Chhatrasal | Power | 150 |
| 42 | Essar Power Generation Ltd. | 20.02.2007 | Chakla | Power | 83.05 |
| 43 | Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. | 20.02.2007 | Jitpur | Power | 81.09 |
| 44 | Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd. | 20.02.2007 | Anesttipali | Power | 26.89 |
| 45 | Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd. | 20.02.2007 | Punkula-Chilka | Power | 38.11 |
| | | | 2007-08 | | |
| 46 | Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corpn. Ltd. | 29.05.2007 | Penagaddppa | Power | 110.87 |
| 47 | UPRVUNL | 25.07.2007 | Chendipada, Chendi-II | Power | 794.5 |
| 48 | CMDC | 25.07.2007 | Chendipada, Chendi-II | Power | 500 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | MAHAGENCO Chendi-II | 25.07.2007 | Chendipada, | Power | 294.5 |
| 50 | Kerala State Electricity Board | 25.07.2007 | Baitarni West | Power | 200.66 |
| 51 | Orissa Hydro Power Generation Corp. | 25.07.2007 | Baitarni West | Power | 200.66 |
| 52 | Gujarat Power Generation Corp. | 25.07.2007 | Baitarni West | Power | 200.66 |
| 53 | Assam Mineral Dev. Corp. | 25.07.2007 | Mandakini B | Power | 300 |
| 54 | Meghalaya Mineral Dev. Corp. | 25.07.2007 | Mandakini B | Power | 300 |
| 55 | Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board | 25.07.2007 | Mandakini B | Power | 300 |
| 56 | Orissa Mining Corporation | 25.07.2007 | Mandakini B | Power | 300 |
| 57 | NTPC | 25.07.2007 | Chhati Bariatu South | Power | 354 |
| 58 | Damodar Valley Corporation | 25.07.2007 | Saharpur Jamarpani | Power | 600 |
| 59 | Orissa Power Generation Corporation | 25.07.2007 | Manoharpur | Power | 181.68 |
| 60 | Orissa Power Generation Corporation | 25.07.2007 | Dipside Manoharpur | Power | 350 |
| 61 | GMDC | 25.07.2007 | Naini | Power | 500 |
| 62 | PIPDICL | 25.07.2007 | Naini | Power | |
| 63 | JSEB | 25.07.2007 | Urma Paharitora | Power | 437 |
| 64 | BSMDCL | 25.07.2007 | Urma Paharitora | Power | 263 |
| 65 | RRVUNL | 25.06.2007 | Parsa East | Power | 180 |
| 66 | RRVUNL | 25.06.2007 | Kanta Basan | Power | 180 |
| 67 | Power Finance Corporation Talaiya UMPP Jharkhand | 20.07.2007 | Kerandari BC | Power | 972 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | Hindalco | 01.08.2007 | Tubed | Power | 189 |
| 69 | Tata Power Ltd. | 01.08.2007 | Tubed | Power | |
| 70 | Essar Power Ltd. | 06.11.2007 | Ashok Karkatta Central | Power | 110 |
| 71 | Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd. | 06.11.2007 | Patal East | Power | 200 |
| 72 | AES Chhattisgarh Energy Pvt. Ltd. | 06.11.2007 | Sayang | Power | 150 |
| 73 | DB Power Ltd. | 06.11.2007 | Durgapur II/Sarya | Power | 91.67 |
| 74 | Balco | 06.11.2007 | Durgapur II/Taraimar | Power | 211.37 |
| 75 | Adani Power Ltd. | 06.11.2007 | Lohara West Extn. | Power | 169.832 |
| 76 | Monet Ispat and Energy Ltd. | 09.01.2008 | Mandakini | Power | 96.84 |
| 77 | Jindal Photo Ltd. | 09.01.2008 | Mandakini | Power | 96.84 |
| 78 | Tata Power Company Ltd. | 09.01.2008 | Mandakini | Power | 96.84 |
| 79 | Arcelor Mittal India Ltd. | 09.01.2008 | Seregarha | Power | 83.33 |
| 80 | GVK Power (Govindwal Sahib) Ltd. | 09.01.2008 | Seregarha | Power | 66.67 |
| 81 | CESC Ltd. | 09.01.2008 | Mahuagarhi | Power | 110 |
| 82 | Jas Infracture Capital Pvt. Ltd. | 09.01.2008 | Mahuagarhi | Power | |
| 83 | Jindal Steel and Power Ltd. | 17.01.2008 | Amarkonda Murgadangal | Power | 205 |
| 84 | Gagan Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd. | 17.01.2008 | Amarkonda Murgadangal | Power | 205 |
| 85 | Sterlite Energy Ltd. (IPP) | 17.01.2008 | Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia | Power | 112.22 |
| 86 | GMR Energy (IPP) | 17.01.2008 | Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia | Power | 112.22 |
| 87 | Arcealor Mittal India Ltd., (CPP) | 17.01.2008 | Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia | Power | 84.16 |
| 88 | Lanco Group Ltd. (IPP) | 17.01.2008 | Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia | Power | 112.22 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | Navbharat Power Pvt Ltd. (IPP) | 17.01.2008 | Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia | Power | 112.22 |
| 90 | Reliance Energy Ltd. (IPP) | 17.01.2008 | Rampia & Dip Side of Rampia | Power | 112.22 |
| 91 | JLD Yavatmal Energy Ltd. | 23.01.2008 | Fatehpur East | Power | 99.12 |
| 92 | R.K.M. Powergen Pvt. Ltd. | 23.01.2008 | Fatehpur East | Power | 99.12 |
| 93 | Visa Power Ltd. | 23.01.2008 | Fatehpur East | Power | 99.12 |
| 94 | Green Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. | 23.01.2008 | Fatehpur East | Power | 99.12 |
| 95 | Vandana Vidyut Ltd. | 23.01.2008 | Fatehpur East | Power | 53.52 |
| 96 | SKS Ispat and Power Ltd. | 06.02.2008 | Fatehpur | Power | 73.85 |
| 97 | Prakash Industries Ltd. | 06.02.2008 | Fatehpur | Power | 46.15 |
| | | | 2008-09 | | |
| 98 | MAHAGENCO (M/s Aurangabad Co. Ltd., SPY) | 17.07.2008 | Bhivkund | Power | 100 |
| 99 | Goa Industrial Development Corporation | 12.11.2008 | Gare Pelma Sector III | Power | 210.2 |
| 100 | West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited | 27.02.2009 | East of Damogoria (Kalyaneshwari) | Power | 337 |

**Environmental clearance to coal mining operations**

1643. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether prior clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests is presently mandatory for the coal mining undertakings to carry out mining operations;

(b) the details of proposals submitted by Coal India Ltd. and/or its subsidiaries for environmental clearance during the last five years, showing the number of proposals cleared and those pending, year-wise;

(c) whether Government is contemplating to streamline the procedure of clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests with a view to speed up implantation of coal mining projects;